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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (51 pages).
- [ X ] Formal drawings (13 sheets, Figures 1-23).
- [ X ] Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- [ X ] Assignment of the invention to NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.
- [ X ] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

[ X ] Claim for Convention Priority with 3 certified Japanese priority documents.

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